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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 2, the "Summary of the Invention", replace the paragraph on lines 5-8 with the following paragraph:

- -The present invention generally relates to polysilicate microgels, to a process for preparing an aqueous polysilicate microgel which comprises mixing an aqueous solution of alkali metal silicate with an aqueous phase of silica-based material preferably having a pH of 11 or less, and to a process of using the polysilicate microgels in papermaking and water purification.- -